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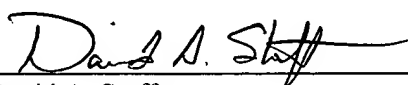
**PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Notice of Appeal filed October 5, 2005 be extended for five months up to and including May 5, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby directed and authorized to charge the fee of **\$2160.00** and any additional fees and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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